

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement might imply that the dependent claims are also only allowable for the reasons set forth in the Examiner's Statement. However, the Examiner's Statement does not discuss any of the other elements of the claimed subject matter, in particular, those additional elements recited in the dependent claims which may render the dependent claims independently allowable in view of the specification, prosecution file history and/or the references made of record, either alone or in combination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement presents only some of the reasons for allowance of the claims and that other reasons also exist for allowing the claims such as, for example, those set forth more completely in the record as a whole. This interpretation is consistent with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, which states that any statement of reasons for allowance “[i]s not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state all the reasons for allowance are set forth.”

Finally, Applicants agree with the Examiner that claims 1-37 are allowable in view of all of the references made of record, either alone or in combination. However, Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of those references. In closing, Applicants reserve the right to argue its own characterization should that need arise in the future.

If the Examiner has any questions or if Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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